(b) will anything be done in that line during 1113?

Mr. K. Krishna Warriar *(Director of Agriculture).*—

(a) Yes.

(b) Every effort will be made to undertake this during the year 1113.

Water Works—Chowwara and Nemmara—letting on contract.

17. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon** *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether attempts have been made to let on contract the operations at the Chowwara Water Works and Nemmara Water Works;

(b) what amount has been spent in 1111 and 1112 for each of those works by the Government;

(c) what savings can be made by letting the works on contract?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—

(a) No.

(b)

Chowwara Water Works.

Expenditure including staff in 1111	...	35,285
Do in 1112 up to Edavam	...	37,086

Nemmara Water Works.

In 1111	...	6,362
In 1112 up fo Edavam	...	4,973

(c) The question of letting the maintenance of these plants on contract has not been seriously taken into consideration for the following reasons:—

(1) Government have invested considerable capital on costly machines which require careful attention and suitable maintenance. It is not desirable to entrust this work to profiteering contractors who by the use of inferior oils, and cheap supervision can do considerable damage to machinery.

(2) The rate at which water is now delivered at Ernakulam is considered very economical.

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Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar *(Trichur North).*—May I know why there has been a rise in the expenditure under Chowwara Water-works while there is a fall in the other?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—It is due to the increase in the quantity of water pumped.

Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar *(Trichur North).*—Can you definitely say that it is so?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—Yes.

Travellers' Bungalow—Kolinjampara—vacating of.

18. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon** *(Chittur Rural).*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether they have known that the officers who go on circuit to Kolinjampara find it difficult to halt as the Travellers' Bungalow there is being permanently occupied by the Sub-Assistant Surgeon;

(2) was not that the place the Head of the Administration used to occupy when he visited the eastern parts of Chittur;

(3) whether they would be pleased to have it vacated for the use of so journers there?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—

(1) Government are not aware that there is much inconvenience on this account.

(2) Diwan Sir T. Vijayaraghava Charya when he camped at Kolinjampara stayed in this Travellers' Bungalow. No other Diwan after that has stayed there.

(3) In consideration of the facts that no house anywhere near the dispensary is available and that it is essential that the Sub-Assistant Surgeon should stay there in the interests of the public, Government do not think it desirable to get the building vacated.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—Is there any place in Kolinjampara where the sojourners can stop?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer).*—There are no other staff quarters in Kolinjampara.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—Am I to understand that the Government do not expect their officers to stop at Kolinjampara?

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